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AT  
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NEW YEAR'S DAY, AT 5.30 P.M.

PRELUDES—D. Lux Christi, Gerontius  
and the Kingdom.....(Eliot).  
And One Psalm (Nizareth).....G. Bantock.  
ORGAN CONCERTO.....Bach.  
Violinist: Mr L. de GRACA.  
Vocalist: MRS. M. STUART.  
Hongkong, December 27, 1906. 2463

### NOTICE.

NOTICES HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE  
partnership between Messrs EWENS  
and HARTON and myself having been  
determined, I intend to practise as a  
solicitor and notary public on my own  
account.  
Notice of the location of my Office will  
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REGINALD HARDING.  
Hongkong, December 18, 1906. 2462

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GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

REFERRING to the Notice of 20th  
December, 1906, and subsequent  
Notices, SENDERS OF TELEGRAMS are  
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next, the currency equivalent of the Franc  
will, subject to revision after three months,  
be fixed at \$0.38, at which rate the charge  
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OLAF NIELSEN,  
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II—Fire Funds 3,385,720 18 8  
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£17,837,119 8 1  
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HAI, CANTON.  
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Hongkong, December 10, 1906. 2372.

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RACE, KOWLOON.  
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Hongkong, August 1, 1906. 2353

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**To Let.**

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IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.  
NO. 4, MOSQUE JUNCTION, Ren-  
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LOWE & BISHAM,  
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Hongkong, December 22, 1906. 2330

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FROM 1st DECEMBER, 1906.  
YALTA, MOUNT KELLET, PEAK.  
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St. George's Buildings.  
Hongkong, November 3, 1906. 2329

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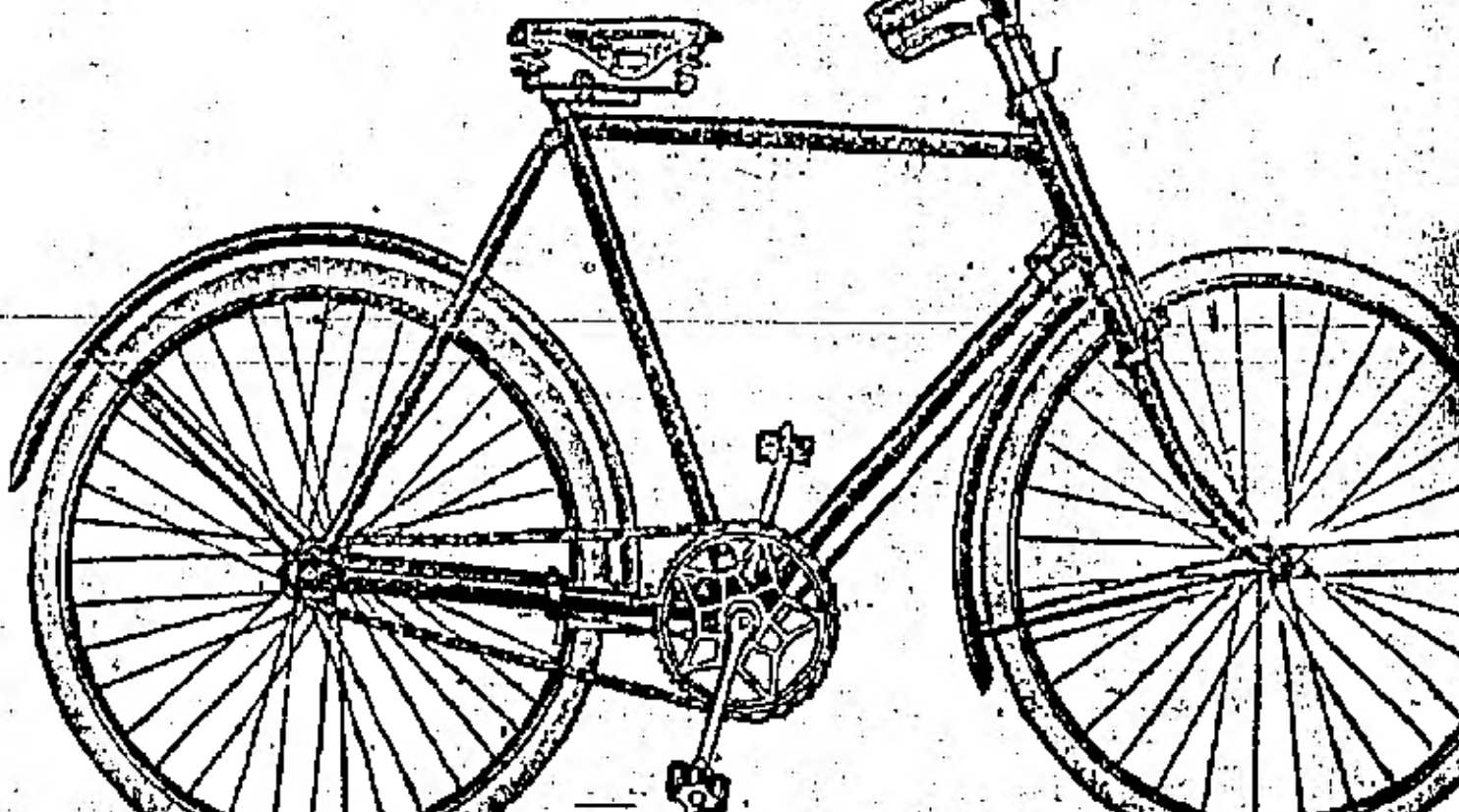
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Hongkong, July 18, 1906. 2328

**To Let.**

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CENTRAL.  
SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW (St.  
O. P. Chatterjee) ROBINSON ROAD, KOWLOON.  
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Hongkong, November 17, 1906. 2215

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**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
THE Undersigned have received instruc-  
tions to Sell by Public Auction,  
on  
**THURSDAY,**  
the 3rd January, 1907, at 11 a.m., at the  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and  
Godown Co.'s Godowns, at  
Kowloon,  
**FOUR MOTOR BOATS**  
(more or less damaged).  
Terms: As usual.  
HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, December 27, 1906. 2462

**Auctions.**

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
THE Undersigned have received instruc-  
tions to Sell by Public Auction,  
on  
**THURSDAY,**  
the 3rd January, 1907, commencing at  
2.45 p.m., at No. 39, MORRISON HILL  
ROAD,  
A QUANTITY OF  
**HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.**  
(Particulars from Catalogue).  
On view from Wednesday, the 2nd Jan.,  
1907.  
Terms: As Customary.  
GEO. F. LAMMERT,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, December 27, 1906. 2465

**Auctions.**

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
THE Undersigned have received instruc-  
tions to Sell by Public Auction,  
on  
**WEDNESDAY,**  
the 23rd January, 1907, commencing at  
3 p.m., on BOARD the Ramble,  
the following:-  
H.M. Surveying Vessel  
**'RAMBLER.'**  
Single Screw, Composite Hull, Copper  
Sheathed.  
Displacement.....435 Tons.  
Indicated Horse Power.....660 N.D.  
Extreme Length.....163ft. 3in.  
Extreme Breadth.....26ft. 6in.  
Boat.....1880.  
Engines: (Compound Surface Condensing,  
Horizontal, by Elder,  
Propellers: One Griffith's Own Metal.  
Boilers: Three Cylindrical Direct Tubular.  
Load on SAFETY VALVES.....60 lbs.  
Distilling: Two Normandy's Single  
No. 10, distilling 2,638 gal.  
Condensers } tons of water per 24 hours.

**Auctions.**

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H.M. MIDGE,  
late Twin-Screw Gun Vessel,  
603 Tons, Composite Hull, Copper  
Sheathed.  
Length.....155 ft. 0 in.  
Breadth.....25 ft. 0 in.  
To be sold as they now lie in Hongkong  
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A list of Fittings, etc., to be sold with  
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tings, Stores, etc.  
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for seven days before date of sale, between  
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urday and Sunday excepted).  
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the Auctioneers.  
Terms: Cash before delivery. 25 per  
cent of the purchase money to be paid on  
the fall of the hammer; balance and the  
guarantee to be effected within seven days  
after date of sale.  
HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers to the Government.  
Hongkong, December 28, 1906. 2475

**To Let on Lease.**

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FROM 1st JANUARY, 1907.  
NOS. 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14, HOLLY-  
WOOD ROAD.  
Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, SUN WAI LANE.  
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ARRATON V. AP'AR & CO.,  
45, Wyndham Street.  
Hongkong, October 24, 1906. 2335

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**WHISKY DELUGE**  
Distillery Tanks Burst Open in  
Glasgow.

By a remarkable accident at the distil-  
lery of Messrs O. and D. Gray (the Scottish  
Distilleries Co.), Muirhead Street, Glasgow,  
yesterday morning, reports the Standard  
of Nov. 22, from 15,000 to 200,000  
gallons of "spirit wash" burst out of the  
tanks in which they were enclosed. This  
volume of liquid, rushing down from the  
top of the tower on which the tanks were  
situated, flooded the premises below, doing  
considerable damage, and injuring a num-  
ber of men, one of them fatally. Fourteen  
men had a narrow escape from drowning.  
The men were at work in the draft house,  
on the street level, when they were startled  
by a roar like thunder, and in an instant  
they were enveloped in a flood of spirit  
wash, mixed with draft, which literally  
washed them out into the street. The vol-  
ume of liquid and the force with which it  
poured out on to the street can be imagined  
when it is mentioned that the mark of the  
water is shown on the opposite buildings  
above the first storey. The workmen, and a  
score of farmers' carts, with their horses and  
drivers, were swept hither and thither like  
cork in a seething mass of hot liquid. A  
scene of indescribable confusion followed,  
the street for a time being a swirling flood  
of steaming liquid, tossing debris of all  
kinds up and down. Straggling men, iron  
beams, large pipes, and wreckage of all  
kinds were swept along in the rush, and  
soon the houses in the vicinity were flooded.  
Those of the distillery workmen who had  
escaped the rush of the spirit wash soon  
came out of the draft house, and waded to  
the rescue of their less fortunate fellows,  
who were struggling to regain their feet in  
a state of semi-suffocation owing to the  
thick nature of the draft and spirit mixture.  
It was conjectured that one of the huge  
tanks must have burst, and this was sub-  
stantiated by the fact that the section of  
the building in which were housed four  
huge tanks or vats was a complete wreck.  
What added to the confusion in the street  
was the stampede of the score or so of  
farmers' horses, which had been waiting in  
rows to cart away the draft for cattle feed-  
ing purposes.

When the flood of whisky subsided, it  
was seen that one of the waste choppers  
had burst, and had carried away part of  
the foundation of the spirit wash tank,  
which is situated on the very top of a tower.  
This tank contained 70,000 gallons of spirit  
ready to pass into the fermenting cham-  
bers. The huge weight of spirit mingled  
with the contents of the waste chopper, and  
the whole volume of 100,000 gallons fell as  
a shower on the drafthouse, sweeping  
everything before it, and suddenly burst-  
ing in one huge wave into the street. It  
is remarkable that the accident was not  
accompanied by great loss of life, so great  
was the force of the liquid as it  
tried to find an outlet. The liquid was  
heated up to 80 degrees, and was there-  
fore, not sufficiently hot to scald, but  
many of the men were severely burned,  
though their injuries were mainly bad  
bruises, fractures of the leg or arm or ribs,  
owing to their being so ruthlessly dashed  
against the building opposite.  
Ambulances were very soon telephoned  
for and soon eleven of the 14 men hurt  
were on their way to the infirmaries. The  
others were treated on the spot by medical  
men. One man, James Ballantyne, died  
soon after admission to the hospital; the  
others were more or less hurt. In more  
than one instance the clothing of the men  
was torn off by the rushing liquid.  
The men who were immersed relate  
thrilling experiences. One of the carters  
says that he was carried along the flood

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being up to his waist, for an extraordinary distance.

The tank which burst was an immense cylindrical vessel, made of wood, and supported by iron girders. The cause of the bursting has yet to be explained by the officials. The "building" has been badly wrecked. The waste charger which burst is a huge wooden vessel, encircled with strong iron hoops; it has a capacity of from fifty to sixty thousand gallons; the other charge was of similar size, while the waste backs held 30,000 gallons each. Roughly speaking, the liquid lost amounts to anything between 100,000 and 200,000 gallons, all the vessels being full at the time.

A baker, who was at work in his adjoining bake-house, says:—"We were at work when we heard a rumbling, grinding noise. The roof of the bake-house collapsed, and a great torrent of liquid poured in. One man, Andrew Mair, was at work under the spot, and was overwhelmed with the down-pour. He had actually to swim about. The liquid came sweeping us off our feet, and to make matters worse, we could not get the doors open. A dough machine, weighing 120 lbs., and a biscuit machine of 100 lbs., were carried along the floor for 15 feet."

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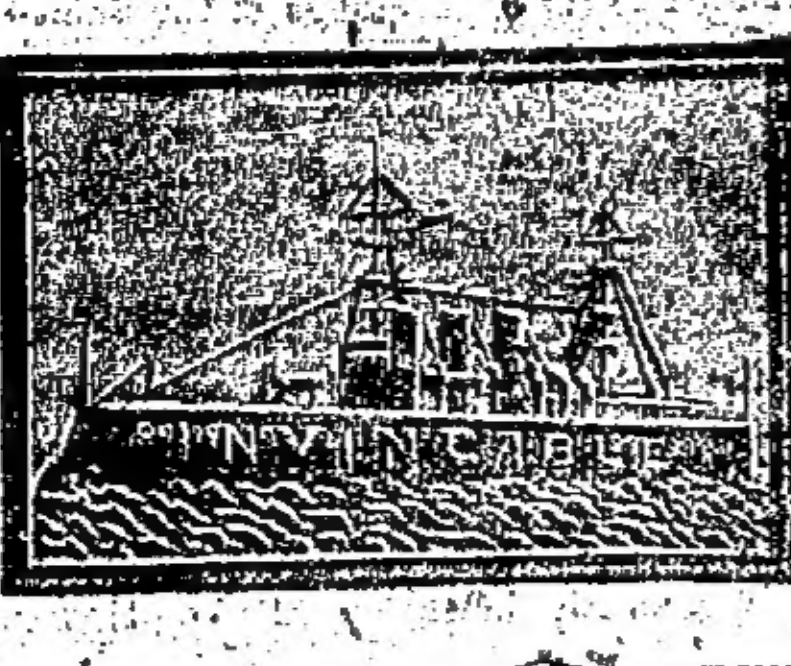
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**BIRTHS.**  
TAKAKA.—On 30th December, at 19  
Maddison Road, wife of Mr T. TAKAKA,  
the Japanese Consul, of a Son.

ARMSTRONG.—On December 24, at Anping,  
South Formosa, the wife of H. W. ARMSTRONG,  
of a Daughter. (Annie Gordon, N.O.).

**MEETINGS FOR TO-MORROW.**

6.30 p.m.—Organ Recital in St. John's  
Cathedral.

9.15 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

**Miscellaneous.**  
Insurance Offices Close.  
Exchange Banks Close.

Goods per *Raffles* unclaimed after this  
date at Noon will be subject to rent  
and landing charges.

**General Memoranda.**

Wednesday, January 2:  
Goods per *Ditta* not cleared at 4 p.m.  
on this date subject to rent.

Thursday, January 3:  
11 a.m.—Auction of 4 Motor Boats, at  
the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf &  
Godown Co.'s Godown, Kowloon.

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture,  
at No. 39, Morrison Hill Road.

Wednesday, January 2:  
8 p.m.—Auction of Surveying Vessel  
*Ramler*, on Board.

**The China Mail**

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1906.

**THE PASSING YEAR.**

The year which closes to-night has

been an eventful one for Hongkong.

High exchange has exercised a depres-

sing effect upon commerce generally

and has entailed great hardship on

those members of the Civil Service

who are paid on a sterling basis. The

yarn market has been particularly af-

fected by the exchange rates, and after

several attempts to stave off disaster

a crash came and several large firms

went under and were compelled to seek

the protection of the courts. In other

lines of business, though the strain has

been severely felt, local firms have kept

their ground, our joint stock companies

have maintained their dividends and

with a reversion to favourable condi-

tions it may hopefully be anticipated

that the New Year will bring a return

of prosperity. Our great shipping

companies, in particular the P. and O.

and the N. D. L. have placed several

new and improved boats on the run,

and the Canadian Pacific line has in-

augmented an accelerated service via

Vancouver. Accidents to the "Man-

churia" and "Mongolia" of the

Pacific Mail, occurred but both

vessels were saved. One of the

most noteworthy events of the year

was the visit, in February, of H. R. H.

Prince Arthur of Connaught en route

to Japan to present the Garter to the

Emperor. The opportunity was taken

by local residents, British and Chinese,

to demonstrate their unaltered and un-

alterable loyalty to the Royal Family.

Shortly after the departure of His

Royal Highness a statue of Sir

Thomas Jackson was unveiled by His

Excellency the Governor in Des Vaux

Road. In March Vice-Admiral Moore

arrived to take command of the China

Squadron in succession to Sir Gerard

Noel. A few days later the *entente*

*cordiale* was celebrated on the occasion

of a courtesy visit of the French fleet

and, as opportunity, a Japanese

squadron arrived almost simultane-  
ously. The Colony was afforded an op-  
portunity of extending its hospitality

to the officers and blue-jackets of the

two countries with which we are,

diplomatically, most in accord. In

May a Commission was appointed to

to the strenuousness which has been

added to the proceedings of the Sanit-

ary Board by the infusion of new blood

in the persons of Messrs. Shelton

Hooper, H. Humphreys and E. A. He-

witt. On September 18th the most destruc-

tive typhoon which has yet visited the

Colony occurred. This terrible event,

which occasioned the loss of so many

lives, among them that of Bishop Hoare

and many other Europeans, is too

vividly in memory to need to be recalled

in detail. It is worthy of notice, how-

ever, that the community, foreign and

Chinese, nobly responded to the call

on their charity which was entailed

and subscribed a sum, which, with the

Government subsidy, amounts to

nearly \$500,000 for the relief of suffer-

ers. The volunteering movement has

become increasingly popular and the

annual encampments have been most

successful. Rifle shooting has been

assiduously practised by the Volun-

teers and Reserve, but Hongkong was

not successful in the annual contest

against Shanghai, Singapore and Pe-

nan. In cricket also our Eleven was

badly defeated at Shanghai. Death

removed from amongst us during the

year several well-known and esteemed

public men, most prominent among

whom were Mr E. W. Mitchell and

Captain Barnes-Lawrence. A tragedy

which saddened the early part of this

month was the murder of Mr Grik

at Kowloon Dock and a sad feature of

the past few months has been the epi-

demical of suicide which resulted in the

loss of two well-known citizens. An-

other misfortune was the recent

accident to H. E. the Governor which

led to the abandonment of the official

festivities on the occasion of the King's

Birthday and to his subsequent de-

parture on a recuperative trip. Mr F.

H. May was sworn in as Acting Govern-

or on his departure. Several changes

have taken place in the personnel of the

Legislative Council, the Hon. Mr E. A.

Hewitt and the Hon. Mr E. Osborne

succeeding Messrs. Gresham Stewart

and W. J. Gresson. There have also

been changes in the military com-

mand, General Broadwood succeeding

General Villiers-Hatton and, as usual,

the shuffling and reshuffling of posi-

tions in the Civil service has been

difficult to follow. An event which is

worth recording, however, is the re-

linquishment by Sir Henry Berkeley of

the Attorney Generalship and the ap-

pointment of Mr Gompertz in his

stead. There seems some likelihood

of the Colony losing the services of

Mr Sercombe Smith, who has been of-

fered a Puisne Judgeship at Singapore.

The American fleet has been spending

its Christmas with us, thus compensat-

ing in some measure for the ab-

sence of our own vessels. The

year, taking a comprehensive survey of

it has been characterised by rather an

undue amount of gloom caused by local

and world-wide calamities and as we















